

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/723,754

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 5/22/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,4-12,14 and 20.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.


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Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1, 4-12, 14, and 20 are allowed.

Reasons for Allowance

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The closest prior art is to Ainsbury (US Patent No. 6,078,924). Ainsbury teaches an information platform that automates the collection of data, organizing a library of information and provides analysis using multiple content-types, thereby providing user with a market understanding necessary to execute rapid and knowledgeable decision-making. However, Ainsbury fails to teach evaluating alert conditions at time of data collection, wherein alert and threshold conditions are set up to evaluate pre-defined conditions of incoming data and data that is displayed to a user and are independent of any action that is taken when a condition is met taken in combination with a method for collecting data for analysis from plural sources as recited in independent claim 1.

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taken in combination with a system for collecting data for analysis from plural sources as recited in independent claim 4.

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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- a. Bovarnick (US Patent No. 6,700,575) discloses a method for collecting data to be analyzed.
- b. Hamilton (US Patent No. 6,968,316) discloses a method for collecting financial data for analysis and providing financial report based on the financial data collected.

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c. Becker (Wo9855954) discloses a data collection device for collection data from different sources.

d. Yen (Wo9828698) discloses a method for receiving incoming data from multiple independent sources.

e. Kapsambelis (Strategies for implementing enterprise-wide data collection systems) discloses a complete data collection system.

f. Trithart (The environment: the data, information, the debate) discloses the concept of collecting environmental data for analysis.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Romain Jeanty whose telephone number is (571) 272-6732. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thurs 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m..

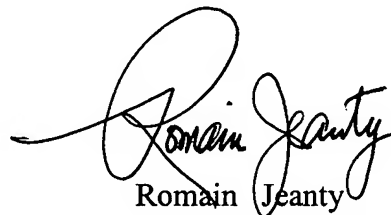
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tariq R. Hafiz can be reached on (571) 272-6729. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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